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FARM COMPUTER USAGE AND OWNERSHIP

ARIZONA

The percentage of Arizona farms with computer access in 2019 was 58 percent, unchanged from 2017. Of those farms having computer access, 53 percent own or lease a computer, unchanged from 2017. The percentage of farms that used a computer for farm business was 35 percent, an increase of 1 percentage point from 2017.

The most common method of accessing the internet was satellite at 25 percent, down 8 percentage points from 2017. Mobile was next at 24 percent followed by cable at 22 percent. All other methods including dialup, digital subscriber line (DSL), fiber optic, and other/unknown accounted for 29 percent.

COLORADO

The percentage of Colorado farms with computer access in 2019 was 87 percent, unchanged from 2017. Of those farms having computer access, 79 percent own or lease a computer, down 2 percentage points from 2017. The percentage of farms that used a computer for farm business was 72 percent, an increase of 2 percentage points from 2017.

The most common methods of accessing the internet was digital subscriber line (DSL) at 29 percent, up 10 percentage points from 2017 and satellite at 29 percent, down 10 percentage points from 2017. Cable was next at 16 percent. All other methods including dialup, fiber optic, mobile, and other/unknown accounted for 26 percent.

MONTANA

The percentage of Montana farms with computer access in 2019 was 80 percent, unchanged from 2017. Of those farms having computer access, 79 percent own or lease a computer, up 3 percentage points from 2017. The percentage of farms that used a computer for farm business was 62 percent, an increase of 4 percentage points from 2017.

The most common method of accessing the internet was fiber optic at 39 percent, up 17 percentage points from 2017. Satellite was next at 20 percent followed by digital subscriber line (DSL) at 16 percent. All other methods including dialup, cable, mobile, and other/unknown accounted for 25 percent.

NEW MEXICO

The percentage of New Mexico farms with computer access in 2019 was 47 percent, unchanged from 2017. Of those farms having computer access, 35 percent own or lease a computer, down 3 percentage points from 2017. The percentage of farms that used a computer for farm business was 30 percent, unchanged from 2017.

The most common method of accessing the internet was mobile at 33 percent, up 5 percentage points from 2017. Digital subscriber line (DSL) was next at 27 percent followed by satellite at 18 percent. All other methods including dialup, cable, fiber optic, and other/unknown accounted for 22 percent.

UTAH

The percentage of Utah farms with computer access in 2019 was 86 percent, an increase of 6 percentage points from 2017. Of those farms having computer access, 80 percent own or lease a computer, up 7 percentage points from 2017. The percentage of farms that used a computer for farm business was 70 percent, an increase of 14 percentage points from 2017.

The most common method of accessing the internet was cable at 24 percent, down 5 percentage points from 2017. Satellite was next at 23 percent followed by digital subscriber line (DSL) at 22 percent. All other methods including dialup, fiber optic, mobile, and other/unknown accounted for 31 percent.

WYOMING

The percentage of Wyoming farms with computer access in 2019 was 93 percent, an increase of 5 percentage points from 2017. Of those farms having computer access, 85 percent own or lease a computer, up 8 percentage points from 2017. The percentage of farms that used a computer for farm business was 58 percent, unchanged from 2017.

The most common method of accessing the internet was digital subscriber line (DSL) at 34 percent, up 15 percentage points from 2017. Satellite was next at 26 percent followed by fiber optic at 17 percent. All other methods including dialup, cable, mobile, and other/unknown accounted for 23 percent.

UNITED STATES

General computer usage and internet access categories increased from 2017 to 2019 in the United States. Nationally, 75 percent of farms reported having access to the internet, with 73 percent of farms having access to a desktop or laptop computer. Farms that used a desktop or laptop computer to conduct farm business was up 1 percent from 2017. Over half of the farms in the United States used a smart phone or tablet to conduct farm business, compared to 44 percent in 2017.

In 2019, 26 percent of farms used satellite and 22 percent of farms used a Digital Subscriber Line (DSL) to access the internet. Since 2017, Satellite and DSL continue to be the most popular choices that United States farms use to access the internet.

For a full copy of the 2019 *Farm Computer Usage and Ownership* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions please contact:

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